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SWIFTS BUY PLANT.

Fertilizing Branch of Russia Cement Co. Reported Sold.

Packing Concern Branching Out in Fish Business.

The Swift Packing Company, which has already entered into the fish business to a considerable extent, has further branched out in this line by the acquirement of the fertilizing business of the Russia Cement Company at West Gloucester.

The business is an important one as the company have been doing an excellent trade in this particular branch of the fish refuse business. The company have contracts with several of the firms for buying fish gurry for making this particular product and the amount of fertilizer sent out each year is considerable and a profitable part of the business.

It is not understood that the Swifts have not purchased the glue part of the business but it is said they have their eyes on the company's whole property nevertheless. None of the directors of the Russia Cement Company however will say anything about the deal.

Mr. Reuben Brooks, treasurer of the concern, left Tuesday for Anacortes, Washington, where he has already established a big glue and fertilizing industry. His son, Addison G. Brooks, has been there some time in charge of the plant. The report that Mr. Brooks intends to remove there could not be confirmed as none of the company's officials would say anything.

It has been given out that one of our large local fish concerns intends to go into the glue business before long. In fact the contract of the Russia Cement Company for fish skins with this concern and several smaller ones soon expires and it is said that at least one of the contracts will not be renewed.

Most of the fish skins are furnished from two of the big firms in town, from one of which the Swifts will in all probability purchase their material, so they can reasonably feel assured of plenty of stock.

Up to the present time, the Russia Cement Company have undoubtedly been the largest producers of glue and fertilizer in the country. With the advent of another manufacturing plant in the field, the demand and price for waste fish material promises to advance for even now such matter which once upon a time was dumped overboard has come to be valuable material indeed.

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WITH FRESH MACKEREL.

Sch. Freedom in Port This Morning with 600 Fish.

The little sch. Freedom, Capt. Peter Willett, went out from here yesterday afternoon and returned this morning with 600 fine fresh mackerel, netted about 12 miles off here last night. The fish sold to W. E. Dennett at 15 cents each for mediums and 25 cents each for large.

A few days ago, on a similar trip, the Freedom had 900 mackerel and before that landed a fare of 600, so Capt. Willett has been doing extra well of late netting.

A Louisburg, C. B., despatch says that it looks as if the fall mackerel fishery will be a failure in that district this season. Up to late no mackerel have been caught and several fishermen have taken their nets ashore. Fairly good catches of mackerel have, however, been made in season's past at a later date than the present.

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ON MAIDEN TRIP.

Hundreds Gather To See Knockabout Sch. Arethusa Sail.

Capt. Morrissey Much Pleased with His New Command

The new sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, sailed yesterday afternoon on her maiden trip, a frozen herring voyage to Bay of Islands, N. F.

The Arethusa is one of the largest vessels of the fishing fleet. She is of the knockabout type, from one of McManus' latest models and is expected to be speedy as well as a good carrier and sea boat. Nothing has been spared in her construction, rigging and fitting to make her a complete and up to date craft in every way. She was built by Tarr & James of Essex and is a first class from keelson to mastheads.

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A large crowd gathered yesterday afternoon at the wharf of Cunningham & Thompson, the owners of the craft to wish good luck to Capt. Morrissey and also witness the start of the largest knockabout, bowspritless, fishing craft afloat.

Mainsail and foresail were hoisted at the wharf and in charge of a tug, the vessel moved slowly away amid the cheers of those who were watching her. Off Ten Pound Isl. and the tug was dropped and under her own sails she picked up, quickly and stepped off fast in the fine air. The craft was manoeuvred about while Photographer Spooner secured some fine views of her under canvas, and then the few invited guests on board were treated to a little spin a short ways off shore.

Capt. Morrissey tried his new command on different points of sailing and remarked emphatically, "She's all right." Capt. Brigham, who owned and commanded the knockabout sch. Shepherd King, and is one of the strongest advocates of this type of vessel in the whole fishing fleet, also had the wheel for a time and was delighted with the way the craft performed.

After a half hour's sail the craft ran back and the guests went on board the tug, from which the Arethusa and her popular captain were given a royal sendoff, which was returned by the crew with a lusty cheer.

Much is expected of this new craft and it is hoped that much will be realized. She certainly made a fine start.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Freedom, shore netting, 600 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Arkona, Banks, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Le Have Bank, 4000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.25 cwt. for large, \$3.25 medium, \$2.50 for snappers.

Fresh round pollock, 75c per cwt.

Dressed fresh pollock, 95 cts. per cwt.

Salt bank dory headline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.15 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Bay salt mackerel, \$27 per bbl. for large, \$22 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 5000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 16,000 pollock.

Steamer Anna Laura, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Cod, \$2 to \$3.80 per cwt.; pollock, \$1.10; herring, \$2 per bbl.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Moanaham harbored at Provincetown during the recent heavy gale.

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SALT HERRING NOW ON WAY

Two Cargoes Have Started from Bay of Islands.

SCH. ANNIE M. PARKER LOADED

Will Bring Remarkably Early Frozen Herring Fare.

At present, there are three vessels on the way to this port with herring cargoes from Bay of Islands, N. F., sch. Minnie M. Cook of Lunenburg, N. S., one of the two chartered by Mr. Lauchlin McLean, who makes his headquarters at Wood Island, and sch. Senator Gardner of this port, each of which have salt cargoes, and sch. Annie M. Parker of this port, with a cargo of frozen herring.

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Schs. Senator Gardner and Minnie M. Cook sailed together last week and both are coming to this port. Sch. Annie M. Parker will sail for home today. Her cargo of frozen herring is secured exceptionally early and her arrival here will come pretty near being the earliest on record for a frozen fare. Last season sch. Esparanto brought the first frozen fare on December 17.

Reports from Bay of Islands today indicate that herring are again quite scarce, although or a time last week some of the vessels had some good fishing.

Special advices to the Times state that as late as November 4 few herring had been taken by either American or Canadian vessels. On November 4 most of the boats in the Goose and Penguin Arms made good catches. At Birchy Cove, on November 5, schs. Dauntless and S. P. Willard, the only vessels laying there, each did well, getting 100 barrels each. This was the first school of herring of any size that has struck in the bay this season. The weather for the ten days previous to November 5 had been exceptionally pleasant, too much so, it is thought, for a good run of herring.

The chances are that Capt. Anstruther of H. M. S. Brilliant will not be at Bay of Islands this season.

The Western Star of Wednesday says:

"There has been a great improvement in this fishery the past week and the fishermen are feeling jubilant over the prospects of a good voyage. Good catches of herring have been taken this week in Humber Arm, the highest being 18 barrels in one day for a boat. In Middle Arm the fishery is better and the boats have taken as high as 24 barrels in one day, and on Monday, Kennedy's crew secured about 70 barrels.

"This is a very good showing and it looks as though the fishery will be a good one after all. By the end of the week there will likely be three or four cargoes ready for market, the chartered vessel of Mr. McLean will be the first one to get clear, as she is almost ready now. The following American vessels have arrived since last report: Dauntless, Capt. Thorpe, Blanche, Capt. McCuish, arrived Wednesday; S. P. Willard, Capt. Peterson, came Friday. There is now a fleet of 41 American and Canadian vessels in the bay and a number of local craft."

Speaking of the Bay of Islands, N. F., herring situation, the Lunenburg, N. S., Progress-Enterprise says:

"Reports from the Newfoundland herring fleet are not very encouraging. Great difficulty is found by the captains in securing fishermen. This is due to the fact that the Americans have more privileges than in previous years. Unless some steps are taken in the near future against American encroachment our vessels and men will be compelled to give up this profitable industry. Sch. Minnie M. Cook, Capt. Colp, is reported with 750 barrels and sch. Glenwood, Capt. Cook, with 300 barrels. Other vessels are practically bare. There are 15 Lunenburg vessels in the herring fleet from this port.

"Sch. Mary W. S., Capt. William Schrader of Middle LaHave, has sailed for Bay of Islands where she will load herring at a good charter.

"Sch. Aldine, Capt. Robert Parks, of Park's Creek, is chartered by Pryor & Mahoney, Boston, to load salt herring at Bay of Islands. This schooner is chartered at \$525 per month exclusive of food supplies and port charges, which leaves only wages of crew to be paid by owners."

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Eva June sailed from there Thursday for Bay of Islands for a cargo of frozen herring.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Ronald G. Smith will go to Bay of Islands for a fare of frozen herring which will be disposed of in Boston.

The Bay of St. George sch. Toratto is loading herring at Bay of Islands. Schs. Willis C. Hudson and Athione, from the same place, also there for a herring cargo.

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Sch. Harvard, Banks, deck handling, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, South Channel, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Illinois, South Channel, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Georgianna, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Patriot, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Sara, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock, shore, 18,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Quartette, shore, salt herring.